

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

John H. DOWLING et al

Serial No: 09/151,764

Group Art Unit: 2876

Filed : September 11, 1998

Examiner: J. Fureman

For : OPTICAL SYMBOLOGIES IMAGER

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2001,
please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

The undersigned is submitting a marked-up copy of the claims, as well as new claim 55. Additionally, the undersigned is submitting a clean copy of all pending claims in the application. Claims 26 and 46 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 25, 27, 40, 41, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 have been amended as shown in the marked-up copy.

REMARKS

The Office Action of July 18, 2001 and the references cited therein have now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Initially, it is noted that claims 25, 27, 36, 44, 45 and 47-55 are presently directed to Group III (Figures 5A-5C). The Examiner has objected to various claims because of several informalities. It is noted that the informalities in the claim languages have been changed and claim 46 has been cancelled

without prejudice.

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